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SUBJECT: NEW PHANTOM F-4 HAILED IN GREECE

1. ATHENS DAILIES OF APRIL 19 AND 20 REPORTED GREECE'S ACQUISITION OF THE PHANTOM F-4 IN "IMPRESSIVE" CEREMONY APRIL 19 AS CONSTITUTING THE ADDITION OF A POTENT NEW WEAPON IN THE NATIONAL ARMORY AND AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT GREECE'S ARMED DEFENSES ARE STRONG AND MODERN. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS IN A BANNER EDITORIAL WELCOMED THE F-4 NOT BECAUSE GREECE ENTERTAINS ANY AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST ANYONE BUT BECAUSE SHE NEEDS ABILITY TO DEFEND HER NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ESTIA ASSERTED "NATO CONSIDERS GREEK AIR FORCE AS BEST GUARANTEE CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF THE AIR SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE." IT ADDED "THIS NEW WEAPON WILL UNQUESTIONABLY BECOME INVINCIBLE IN THE HANDS OF OUR EFFICIENT AIR FORCE AND BRAVE AIRMEN AT TIME WHEN THIS NATION MUST BE POWERFUL IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR IMPRUDENT NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE AEGEAN SEE REALISM."

2. THE RADIO AND TV MEDIA ALSO COVERED IN DETAIL THE DELIVERY CEREMONY AND THE PLANE'S CAPABILITY. THE PRAISE GIVEN GREEK AIR FORCE BY LT. GENERAL PAPANIKOLAOU WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PLAYED UP. THE PRESENCE OF AIR FORCE COMMANDER AIR SOUTH

EUROPE LT. GENERAL WILSON, AND JUSMAGG CHIEF, MAJ. GENERAL  
RYDER AT THE AIRFIELD CEREMONY, WAS NOTED BUT NOT EXPLOITED.  
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